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Gordon B. Davis, John T. Gorgone, J. Daniel Couger, David L. Feinstein, Herbert E. Longenecker

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Manigandan Radhakrishnan, Jon A. Solworth

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Application security is typically coded in the application. In *kernelSec*, we are investigating mechanisms to implement application security in an operating system kernel. The mechanisms are oriented towards providing authorization properties, and this goal drives the design of permissions and protection mechanisms. The resulting system is dynamic, allowing the set of permissions for a program to evolve during program execution. This reduces the need for users and applications to be aware of ...

Keywords: access controls, authorization, authorization properties, information flow, operating systems, separation of duty

3 [Analysis and verification: MECA: an extensible, expressive system and language for statically checking security properties](#)



Junfeng Yang, Ted Kremenek, Yichen Xie, Dawson Engler

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This paper describes a system and annotation language, MECA, for checking security rules. MECA is expressive and designed for checking real systems. It provides a variety of practical constructs to effectively annotate large bodies of code. For example, it allows programmers to write programmatic annotators that automatically annotate large bodies of source code. As another example, it lets programmers use general predicates to determine if an annotation is applied; we have used this ability to ...

Keywords: annotation language, static analysis

4 MANTIS OS: an embedded multithreaded operating system for wireless micro sensor platforms

Shah Bhatti, James Carlson, Hui Dai, Jing Deng, Jeff Rose, Anmol Sheth, Brian Shucker, Charles Gruenwald, Adam Torgerson, Richard Han
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The MANTIS Multimodal system for NeTworks of In-situ wireless Sensors provides a new multithreaded cross-platform embedded operating system for wireless sensor networks. As sensor networks accommodate increasingly complex tasks such as compression/aggregation and signal processing, preemptive multithreading in the MANTIS sensor OS (MOS) enables micro sensor nodes to natively interleave complex tasks with time-sensitive tasks, thereby mitigating the bounded buffer producer-consumer problem. To ac ...

Keywords: cross-platform, dynamic reprogramming, embedded operating system, lightweight, low power, multithreaded, sensor networks

5 Session 31: secure systems: VIRTUS: a new processor virtualization architecture for security-oriented next-generation mobile terminals

Hiroaki Inoue, Akihisa Ikeno, Masaki Kondo, Junji Sakai, Masato Edahiro
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We propose a new processor virtualization architecture, VIRTUS, to provide a dedicated domain for pre-installed applications and virtualized domains for downloaded native applications. With it, security-oriented next-generation mobile terminals can provide any number of domains for native applications. VIRTUS features three new technologies: VMM asymmetrization, dynamic inter-domain communication and virtualization-assist logic, and it is first in the world to virtualize an ARM-based multiproces ...

Keywords: multiprocessor, processor virtualization

6 Session 3: Energy-aware OS's: Every joule is precious: the case for revisiting operating system design for energy efficiency

Amin Vahdat, Alvin Lebeck, Carla Schlatteer Ellis

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By some estimates, there will be close to one billion wireless devices capable of Internet connectivity within five years, surpassing the installed base of traditional wired compute devices. These devices will take the form of cellular phones, personal digital assistants (PDA's), embedded processors, and "Internet appliances". This proliferation of networked computing devices will enable a number of compelling applications, centering around ubiquitous access to global information serv ...

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8 Digest of proceedings seventh IEEE workshop on hot topics in operating systems

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M. Satyanarayanan

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The Seventh IEEE Workshop on Hot Topics in Operating Systems was held on March 29-30 1999 at the Rio Rico Resort & Country Club, south of Tucson, Arizona. The General Chair, Peter Druschel, and the Local Arrangements Chair, John Hartman, had gone to considerable effort to make the operation of the workshop smooth and pleasant for the participants. The secluded desert locale, the effect of brilliant sunshine and blue skies on winter-jaded northerners, and the enthusiasm and energy of the ...

9 Security and eliability: Live updating operating systems using virtualization



Haibo Chen, Rong Chen, Fengzhe Zhang, Binyu Zang, Pen-Chung Yew

June 2006

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Many critical IT infrastructures require non-disruptive operations. However, the operating systems thereon are far from perfect that patches and upgrades are frequently applied, in order to close vulnerabilities, add new features and enhance performance. To mitigate the loss of availability, such operating systems need to provide features such as live update through which patches and upgrades can be applied without having to stop and reboot the operating system. Unfortunately, most current live ...

Keywords: availability, live update, operating system, virtualization

10 Applications and compliance: Virtual monotonic counters and count-limited objects using a TPM without a trusted OS



Luis F. G. Sarmenta, Marten van Dijk, Charles W. O'Donnell, Jonathan Rhodes, Srinivas Devadas

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Proceedings of the first ACM workshop on Scalable trusted computing STC '06

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A trusted monotonic counter is a valuable primitive that enables a wide variety of highly scalable offline and decentralized applications that would otherwise be prone to replay attacks, including offline payment, e-wallets, virtual trusted storage, and digital rights management (DRM). In this paper, we show how one can implement a very large number of *virtual* monotonic counters on an untrusted machine with a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) or similar device, without relying on a trusted OS ...

Keywords: certified execution, e-wallet memory integrity checking, key delegation, stored-value, trusted storage

11 Operating systems: *t-kernel*: providing reliable OS support to wireless sensor networks



Lin Gu, John A. Stankovic

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The development of a reliable large-scale wireless sensor network (WSN) is very difficult because of resource constraints, energy budget, and demanding application requirements. Three OS features-OS protection, virtual memory, and preemptive scheduling-can significantly improve the reliability of WSN systems and facilitate developing complex WSN software. However, due to the lack of hardware support for privileged execution and address translation, it is impossible to implement these features wi ...



Keywords: OS protection, binary translation, low-power systems, virtual memory, wireless sensor networks



12 Security: Raksha: a flexible information flow architecture for software security

Michael Dalton, Hari Kannan, Christos Kozyrakis

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- High-level semantic vulnerabilities such as SQL injection and crosssite scripting have surpassed buffer overflows as the most prevalent security exploits. The breadth and diversity of software vulnerabilities demand new security solutions that combine the speed and practicality of hardware approaches with the flexibility and robustness of software systems.
- This paper proposes Raksha, an architecture for software security based on dynamic information flow tracking (DIFT). Raksha provide ...
- Keywords:** dynamic, semantic vulnerabilities, software security

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- Asbestos, a new prototype operating system, provides novel labeling and isolation mechanisms that help contain the effects of exploitable software flaws. Applications can express a wide range of policies with Asbestos's kernel-enforced label mechanism, including controls on inter-process communication and system-wide information flow. A new event process abstraction provides lightweight, isolated contexts within a single process, allowing the same process to act on behalf of multiple users while ...
- Keywords:** event processes, information flow, labels, mandatory access control, secure web servers

- 14 Security and eliability: A feather-weight virtual machine for windows applications  Yang Yu, Fanglu Guo, Susanta Nanda, Lap-chung Lam, Tzi-cker Chiueh
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- Many fault-tolerant and intrusion-tolerant systems require the ability to execute unsafe programs in a realistic environment without leaving permanent damages. Virtual machine technology meets this requirement perfectly because it provides an execution environment that is both realistic and isolated. In this paper, we introduce an OS level virtual machine architecture for Windows applications called *Feather-weight Virtual Machine* (FVM), under which virtual machines share as many resources ...
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- Keywords:** Linux, access control database, buffer overflow based attacks, isolation, system calls interception

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Edsger W. Dijkstra
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Since the summer of 1973, when I became a Burroughs Research Fellow, my life has been very different from what it had been before. The daily routine changed: instead of going to the University each day, where I used to spend most of my time in the company of others, I now went there only one day a week and was most of the time that is, when not travelling!-- alone in my study. In my solitude, mail and the written word in general became more and more important. The circumstance that my employe ...

17 Bugs as deviant behavior: a general approach to inferring errors in systems code

Dawson Engler, David Yu Chen, Seth Hallem, Andy Chou, Benjamin Chelf

October 2001 **ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review , Proceedings of the eighteenth ACM symposium on Operating systems principles SOSP '01**, Volume 35 Issue 5

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A major obstacle to finding program errors in a real system is knowing what correctness rules the system must obey. These rules are often undocumented or specified in an ad hoc manner. This paper demonstrates techniques that automatically extract such checking information from the source code itself, rather than the programmer, thereby avoiding the need for a priori knowledge of system rules. The cornerstone of our approach is inferring programmer "beliefs" that we then cross-check for contradict ...

18 Operating systems security: Gray-box extraction of execution graphs for anomaly detection

Debin Gao, Michael K. Reiter, Dawn Song

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Many host-based anomaly detection systems monitor a process by observing the system calls it makes, and comparing these calls to a model of behavior for the program that the process should be executing. In this paper we introduce a new model of system call behavior, called an *execution graph*. The execution graph is the first such model that both requires no static analysis of the program source or binary, and conforms to the control flow graph of the program. When used as the m ...


Keywords: anomaly detection, control flow graph, intrusion detection, system call monitor

19 Security: New cache designs for thwarting software cache-based side channel attacks

Zhenghong Wang, Ruby B. Lee

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Software cache-based side channel attacks are a serious new class of threats for computers. Unlike physical side channel attacks that mostly target embedded cryptographic devices, cache-based side channel attacks can also undermine general purpose systems. The attacks are easy to perform, effective on most platforms, and do not require special instruments or excessive computation power. In recently demonstrated attacks on software implementations of ciphers like AES and RSA, the full key can ...

Keywords: cache, computer architecture, processor, security, side channel, timing attacks

20 Formalizing the safety of Java, the Java virtual machine, and Java card

Pieter H. Hartel, Luc Moreau
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We review the existing literature on Java safety, emphasizing formal approaches, and the impact of Java safety on small footprint devices such as smartcards. The conclusion is that although a lot of good work has been done, a more concerted effort is needed to build a coherent set of machine-readable formal models of the whole of Java and its implementation. This is a formidable task but we believe it is essential to build trust in Java safety, and thence to achieve ITSEC level 6 or Common Crite ...

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